

Remarks

The present Amendment After Allowance is being filed to make minor amendments to the claims and specification.

The applicants amend the specification so that the specification is more consistent with the claims. While limitations from a specification are not to be imported into the claims, applicants wish to further emphasize, by reformatting the specification and amending certain language in the manner indicated in the attached marked up version of the substitute specification, that limitations from the specification are not to be imported into the claims. The Examiner will appreciate that the lengthy specification describes numerous inventions, not all of which are recited in the claims. It will be noted that the title of the application has been changed by amendment.

The specification amendments are presented in the form of a substitute specification so that consideration of the amendment is simplified. The specification includes an amended priority claim deleting the benefit claims to U.S. Patent Application No. 10/227,889 filed August 26, 2002 and U.S. Patent Application No. 09/651,162 filed August 30, 2000. The amended priority claims recite that the application is a divisional claiming priority directly to pending U.S. Patent Application No. 09/385,597 and to parent applications of U.S. Patent Application No. of 09/385,597 through U.S. Patent Application No. 09/385,597 without the intervening priority claims to U.S. Patent Application Nos. 10/227,889 and 09/651,162. The Office of Patent Legal Administration (Terry Dey, telephone conference December 22, 2005) has confirmed that a priority claim revision of the type requested is appropriate under MPEP §201.11. See especially MPEP §201.11 III(G) and MPEP §201.11 V. The substitute specification also addresses a one digit transposition informality in the reference to U.S. Patent Application No. 08/914,883. Notwithstanding the one digit transposition, applicants believe that U.S. Patent Application No. 08/914,883 was clearly referenced by the applicants in the specification in view of the context of the disclosure. The Examiner will further note that the patent specification document of U.S. Patent Application No. 08/914,883 has been

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copied into the specification and is also incorporated by reference in the specification with reference to U.S. Patent Application No. 08/516,185, the file wrapper associated FWC parent of U.S. Patent Application No. 08/914,883 (see column 2 of U.S. Patent No. 5,900,613 and column 2 of U.S. Patent No. 5,965,863. The Examiner is requested to contact the applicants' representative if the designation of the present application as a "divisional" of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/385,597 is deemed inappropriate. *See* 37 C.F.R. §201.06.

No amendment to the claims or specification contains new matter. In that it is believed that no claim amendment affects the scope of any claim it is believed that the amendments should not alter the determination that the claims are patentable and also should not require additional searching. The amendments presented herein were not presented earlier since the review leading to the determination that the presented amendments would improve the presentation of the application, or would otherwise be desirable, was not completed until after the close of prosecution.

If the Examiner believes that contact with applicants' attorney would be advantageous toward the disposition of this case, the Examiner is herein requested to call applicants' representative at the phone number listed below.

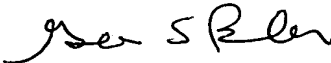
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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to deposit Account No. 50-0289.

Respectfully submitted,

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